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"AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES."

1 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
2 internal references accordingly:

3 "Sec. 501. Subdivision (8) of section 19a-177 of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
5 *October 1, 2004*):

6 (8) (A) Not later than October 1, 2001, develop or cause to be
7 developed a data collection system that will follow a patient from
8 initial entry into the emergency medical service system through arrival
9 at the emergency room and, within available appropriations, may
10 expand the data collection system to include clinical treatment and
11 patient outcome data. The commissioner shall, on a quarterly basis,
12 collect the following information from each licensed ambulance service
13 or certified ambulance service that provides emergency medical
14 services: (i) The total number of calls for emergency medical services
15 received by such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance

16 service through the 9-1-1 system during the reporting period; (ii) each
17 level of emergency medical services, as defined in regulations adopted
18 pursuant to section 19a-179, required for each such call; (iii) the
19 response time for each licensed ambulance service or certified
20 ambulance service during the reporting period; (iv) the number of
21 passed calls, cancelled calls and mutual aid calls during the reporting
22 period; and (v) for the reporting period, the prehospital data for the
23 nonscheduled transport of patients required by regulations adopted
24 pursuant to subdivision (6) of this section. The information required
25 under this subdivision may be submitted in any written or electronic
26 form selected by such licensed ambulance service or certified
27 ambulance service and approved by the commissioner, provided the
28 commissioner shall take into consideration the needs of such licensed
29 ambulance service or certified ambulance service in approving such
30 written or electronic form. The commissioner may conduct an audit of
31 any such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service as
32 the commissioner deems necessary in order to verify the accuracy of
33 such reported information.

34 (B) The commissioner shall prepare a report that shall include, but
35 not be limited to, the following information: (i) The total number of
36 calls for emergency medical services received during the reporting
37 year by each licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance
38 service; (ii) the level of emergency medical services required for each
39 such call; (iii) the name of the provider of each such level of emergency
40 medical services furnished during the reporting year; (iv) the response
41 time, by time ranges or fractile response times, for each licensed
42 ambulance service or certified ambulance service, using a common
43 definition of response time, as provided in regulations adopted
44 pursuant to section 19a-179; and (v) the number of passed calls,
45 cancelled calls and mutual aid calls during the reporting year. The
46 commissioner shall prepare such report in a format that categorizes
47 such information for each municipality in which the emergency
48 medical services were provided, with each such municipality grouped
49 according to urban, suburban and rural classifications. Not later than

50 March 31, 2002, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall
51 submit such report to the joint standing committee of the General
52 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health, shall
53 make such report available to the public and shall post such report on
54 the Department of Public Health web site on the Internet.

55 (C) If any licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance service
56 does not submit the information required under subparagraph (A) of
57 this subdivision for a period of six consecutive months, or if the
58 commissioner believes that such licensed ambulance service or
59 certified ambulance service knowingly or intentionally submitted
60 incomplete or false information, the commissioner shall issue a written
61 order directing such licensed ambulance service or certified ambulance
62 service to comply with the provisions of subparagraph (A) of this
63 subdivision and submit all missing information or such corrected
64 information as the commissioner may require. If such licensed
65 ambulance service or certified ambulance service fails to fully comply
66 with such order not later than three months from the date such order is
67 issued, the commissioner (i) shall conduct a hearing, in accordance
68 with chapter 54, at which such licensed ambulance service or certified
69 ambulance service shall be required to show cause why the primary
70 service area assignment of such licensed ambulance service or certified
71 ambulance service should not be revoked, and (ii) may take such
72 disciplinary action under section 19a-17 as the commissioner deems
73 appropriate.

74 (D) On and after October 1, 2006, the commissioner shall collect the
75 information required by subparagraph (A) of this subdivision, in the
76 manner provided in said subparagraph, from each person or
77 emergency medical service organization licensed or certified under
78 section 19a-180 that provides emergency medical services. On and
79 after October 1, 2006, such information shall be included in the annual
80 report prepared by the commissioner in accordance with
81 subparagraph (B) of this subdivision and such person or emergency
82 medical service organization shall be subject to the provisions of
83 subparagraph (C) of this subdivision."